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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
ASSAYING HOMOCYSTEINE

Examiner: D. Ramirez

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this action is due on or before December 9, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.